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HONGKONG, MAY 15th, 1894.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was usually little more than formal, unless there happens at the moment to be unusually important question on the agenda. The meeting this year was no exception to the rule.

The Chairman gave an interesting review of the work of the Committee for the year, and with the exception of a few remarks by Mr. Horwitzon conveying a suggestion on the transit pass question this was all that was said.

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The other subjects touched upon in the Committee's report are, the nationality of the person having now become matters of history. On one point, however, the Committee must be considered as in some measure having neglected its duty. It is now a good many years since Mr. A. P. MacEwan protested at one of the annual meetings of the Chamber against the policy of the Committee in holding up all its correspondence until the end of the year instead of publishing it while the subjects to which it referred were open and when its publication might be of some practical use. The Chairman at that meeting promised that the point should be taken into consideration, and the Committee seems to have seen the reasonableness of Mr. MacEwan's suggestion, for thereafter for some time correspondence was forwarded to the press for publication as it occurred. Of late years, however, the tendency to surround the proceedings of the Committee with an air of mystery and secrecy has again asserted itself and with few exceptions the correspondence of the year is not allowed to see the light until the annual report appears. This is not as it should be.

The silk or N. P. steamer Victoria arrived in New York on the 12th inst.

The N. P. Daily News learns that the case of

the Bank of China v. L. Anderson has been ap-

pealed by the defendant to the High Court of

Denmark.

The N. P. steamer Mayol arrived in

Taikoo on the 13th, and left for this

port via Kowloon.

A Kowloon telegram has been received at Shanghai stating that the tea market opened at that port on the 6th instant with prime rating from Taikoo to Ta. 40 to Ta. 45 per picul.

Mr. O'Conor, British Minister to Peking, has, it is said, abandoned for the present his intention of visiting Shanghai, in consequence of telegraphic instructions from home.

A native paper states that the Viceroy Li

Hung-chang has appointed an expert Tso-ta,

by the name of Chia Chia, who has had some

European experience in embassies to foreign

countries, to be Commissioner of Cotton Mills in the Treaty ports.

Yang Shih-hui, one of the most notorious of

the Kao-chia-chia, who had avoided capture

for over three years, it is stated, arrested by

the Kao-chia-chia.

A desperate fight on the borders of Kiangsu and Hunan, about three weeks ago, and summarily

executed by the 2nd instant at Kiukiang.

The Mercury of the 9th inst. says: "The

ship-shelling Bistow Hill, was sent to Taikoo

on the 24th December last, with 4000 cases of

kerosene oil, was reported on shore between the two lightships yesterday. She is drawing two

feet. Two tugs have been sent to assist in getting her off, and, if they do not succeed,

she will be sent to the West River.

The Chinese are indulging in a good deal

of gambling in the hope of precipitating the god of pestilence.

Another "old hand" passed away yesterday

morning in the person of Captain Speeley,

garrison commandant of the Observatory, given

notes on the climate of Hongkong, invested

from ten years' observations, from which

we extract the following extracts:

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peas anarchist and socialist meetings in Hyde Park on May 1st, and the police have received strict injunctions to disperse any gathering of this character.

The arrest of Mathas has led to the arrest of another notorious anarchist in London, along with a large quantity of explosives and incriminating correspondence.

LONDON, 2nd May.

Five Spanish anarchists have been sentenced to death for complicity in the Enraged dynamite explosions of last year.

THE BELGIAN MUDFISH.

LONDON, 3rd May.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, delivered his Budget speech in the House of Commons this evening.

In laying the Estimates for 1884-5 before the House, the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that the revenue would be £101,810,000. The total expenditure would be £101,810,000. The estimated expenditure for the financial year is £2,45,450,000, including £3,250,000 for carrying out the now naval programme. The estimated revenue is £20,356,000.

The charge under Mr. Goschen's debt conversion scheme and for the new naval and imperial dockyards will be £25,450,000.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed to liquidate these charges by means of a new sinking fund, leaving an estimated deficit for the year of £1,279,000. It is proposed to merge the present debt duties into one duty, to be termed the "estimated duty," with uniform charges on rates and property, graduated from 1 to 5 per cent. The estimated total will be £25,450,000.

There would be an increase of 1d. in the income tax, making it 8d. in the £. Income tax under £500 would be exempted for £100, and those under £400 for £100. It was also proposed to increase the duty on ships by 8d. per gallon, and to add 1d. per barrel to the 17d. per

The Unionist press complains of the complexity of the Budget, and also of its electorally character.

The Scotch and Irish members are incensed at the changes in the fiscal list.

The Budget is concluded with the graduation of the death duties.

LONDON, 19th April.

The Budget proposals have been well received in the provinces.

LONDON, 20th April.

The Daily News states that the financial proposals brought to the House by the Scotch members, Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has decided to limit the increase in the spirit and beer duties to one year.

THE FIRE IN A DOGAL PALACE.

LONDON, 19th April.

A fire has broken out at the palace of the Duke of Buccleuch and Duke of Roxburghe at Coburg, in Saxony. The Duke himself took an active part in the efforts to extinguish the flames, and personally directed the firemen.

17th April.

The fire in the palace at Coburg has been subdued.

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

LONDON, 17th April.

The French budget shows a deficit of 138,000,000 francs.

A GENERAL DISMANTLING DISMANTLED BY RUSSIA.

LONDON, 18th April.

The Case of Russia has raised the question of the Triple Alliance to convolve the European Powers to consider the question of general disarmament in Europe.

THE IRISH CRIMES ACT.

LONDON, 18th April.

A bill introduced by Mr. Colman, Commander of the Royal Navy, for the repeal of the Irish Crimes Act has been read the second time by a majority of 60.

19th April.

The Times says that the conduct of the Union is voting one-third below their strength on the first and last Report of the Committee, though the Government adds, in its intention, proceeding with the measure.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON IRISH CRIMES.

LONDON, 20th April.

News has reached London to the effect that Sir Francis Fleming, K.C.M.G., Governor of the British colony of Sierra Leone, West Africa, has been appointed to limit the rights of the French. He was succeeded by the French and a body of natives, who threatened to kill him.

IRISH EVICTED TENANTS BILL.

LONDON, 20th April.

Mr. John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, introduced a bill in the House of Commons to limit and deal with the evicted tenants in Ireland.

In explaining the provisions of the bill, Mr. Morley said that tenants evicted since 1879, if their farms were still in the landlord's hands, would be enabled to appeal to three Government arbitrators, who may reinstated them if they were evicted for a just cause.

The bill, if passed, will give the tenants the right to demand that the court to which they have appealed be given a copy of the documents on which the court based its decision.

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CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP.....\$1,000,000
GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE.....\$1,000,000

RESERVE FUND... 30th June 1893.....\$16,551
SPECIAL RESERVE, 30th June 1893.....\$134,907
TOTAL RESERVE.....\$152,454

The UNDERSIGNED, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks at current Rates.

For the Mitsubishi BUREAU KAISHA
K. K. TAKAHASHI
Manager
Hongkong, 10th April, 1894.

NOETH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL ASSETS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1893, EXCEED \$11,144,234 Ls. 13.

1.—AUTOMOBILE CAPITAL.....\$30,000
BICYCLE CAPITAL.....\$2,000

II.—FIRE CAPITAL.....\$67,300 Ls. 6.

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1893.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

The Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current Rates and a Guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the Local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1893.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

HEIMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1893.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1870.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

CAPITAL TWO MILLION DOLLARS
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$400,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$75,000

CLAIMS PAID.....\$163,000

BONUSES PAID.....\$30,000

RISKS ACCEPTED AT CURRENT RATES OF PREMIUM

JAS. B. COUGHTRETH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1894.

PAGENIX FIRE OFFICE

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES OF INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1893.

SUN INSURANCE OFFICE, LONDON.

Founded 1710.

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SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1893.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NOEDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

H. S. "PRETUSSEN".

FROM BREMEN AND PORTS OF CALL. The above named Steamer having arrived.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco, and Valuables, are being landed and will be taken into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Hongkong, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. The AFTERNOON (WEDNESDAY), the 16th instant, or earlier, if necessary, the Steamer will be admitted to the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th instant will be sent to the Godowns.

All broken, charted, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th inst., at 3 P.M.

All Old Iron must reach us before the 18th instant, or earlier, if necessary.

No Five-Percent Duty will be charged on Bills of Lading will be forwarded by MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1894.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS, FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

H. S. "GLENOGIL".

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by us are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Hongkong, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded by JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1894.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIN, MASSAWAH, HOODA, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

The Steamer

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This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

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From Trieste, ex s.s. Imperiale, transhipped at Bombay.

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Hongkong, 12th May, 1894.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CAJUCA.

The Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG".

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above

TO-DAY, the 15th inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage apply to

J. A. HEDDER & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1894.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW.

The Company's Steamship

"HATHAY".

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above

TO-DAY, the 15th inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage apply to

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Hongkong, 12th May, 1894.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

The Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU".

Ex. Inter. Command, will be despatched as above

TO-MORROW, the 16th inst., at 2 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Ammunition offered by this Steamship, a Refrigerated Cabin situated forward of the Engine, a Refrigerated Cabin situated forward of the Cabin, Provisional arrangements made to the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Hongkong, whence delivery may be obtained.

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Hongkong, 5th May, 1894.

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FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Company's Steamship

"ACHILLES".

Captain Jackson, will leave for the above port on or about the 12th inst.